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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Griffith D. Neal, et al.
Appln. No.: 10/001,692
Filed: October 25, 2001
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A BASE PLATE FOR A MINIATURE HARD DISC DRIVE (Amended)

Examiner: Paul Kim
Art Unit: 3729

Attorney Docket No: 8864/29

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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- Amendment and Summary of Interview
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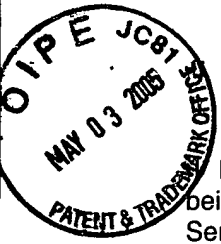
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT and SUMMARY of INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2005, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of the paper.